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SUBJECT: SPAIN COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR NOAA: KELLY, REED,  
LEWIS, AVILA AND WEIHER

REF: USDOC 1847

1. Embassy grants country clearance to NOAA personnel;  
General Kelly, Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and  
Atmosphere, Michelle Reed, Advisor to the Deputy Under  
Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Jennifer Lewis, Program

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Analyst, Lixion Avila, Senior Hurricane Specialist and Dr.  
Rodney Weiher to travel to Madrid, Spain on or about March 18  
to March 25. The purpose of this visit is to attend and  
present at the World Meteorological International Conference  
on Social and Economic Benefits of Weather, Climate and Water  
Services.

2. Post understands that no assistance is required.

3. Visitors are reminded that bearers of diplomatic and  
official passports coming to Spain on official business need  
to obtain a Spanish visa prior to arrival to Spain.

4. Post can provide DoS email access via OpenNet  
(unclassified system) to State Department travelers who have  
active OpenNet accounts. Post can also support users who wish  
to access their email accounts using FOBs or OWA. Exchange  
5.5 users (ask your system manager to provide Exchange server  
version) who have to use remote login to access their  
exchange email accounts will need to provide Post's IM  
section with the name of their DoS Domain and their Exchange  
Server name and/or IP address.

5. THREAT ASSESSMENT:

In general, Spain is safe. However, Madrid, Barcelona and  
other large cities in Spain -- including resort/convention  
areas such as Benidorm -- attract a large number of criminals  
and pickpockets and frequent incidents of crime of  
opportunity against the unwary do occur. Carry only  
essential items including a photocopy of your passport's  
photo page. Visitors can protect themselves against crime by  
being street-smart, alert and aware of their surroundings.  
In the event you are victimized by crime, or experience any  
security-related incident, please contact the Embassy's  
Regional Security Office at 91-587-2550 or after hours at  
91-587-2355. Official visitors to the Embassy in Madrid or  
the Consulate General in Barcelona are encouraged to receive  
a security briefing from the RSO office at their earliest  
convenience. Additional information regarding safety and  
security in Spain is available on the U.S. Department of  
State's website ([www.embusa.es](http://www.embusa.es)).

Travelers are encouraged to review the most recent Worldwide  
Caution issued by the Department of State. As the Department  
of State continues to develop information on any potential

security threats to Americans overseas, it shares credible threat information through its Consular Information Program documents, available on the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov>. In addition to information on the Internet, U.S. travelers can hear recorded information by calling the Department of State in Washington, D.C. at 202-647-5225 from their touch-tone telephone, or receive information by automated telefax by dialing 202-647-3000 from their fax machine.

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